

# THE ACCOUNT

Of several of the most Remarkable TRYALS

That were Tryed at the Sessions-house  
in the OLD-B A I L E T,

At the Sessions holden there for the City of *London* and  
County of *Middlesex*, begun on Friday the Tenth of this instant  
*September*, and ending on Munday the Thirteenth of the same: with  
a particular Relation of the Robbery committed on the *Bridge*.

AND THE

Tryal and Sentence of *Mrs. Eliz. Cellier* the Popish Midwife:  
With the Number of those Condemned to Die, Burnt in the  
Hand, Whipt, and to be Transported.

14 Sept. 1680.

**F**irst *Thomas Sutton* and *Elizabeth Browne*, pretended to be his Wife, were Arraigned and brought upon their Tryals, for Breaking and Robbing the House of *Mr. Richard King*, a Mercer upon the *Bridge*, in the Parish of *St. Olives Southwark*; the manner of the Robbery was as follows: The two persons before-mentioned, on the 8th of *August* last, being Sabbath day, as it is supposed, having Intelligence that *Mr. King* and all his Family (except his Maid-servant, by name *Joan Elge*) was gone to Church, came and knocked at the door; upon which, the Maid peeping through the Key-hole, demanded what they would have? their answer was, That they were friends of *Mr. Kings*, and would needs speak with him: the Maid replied he was not within: to which *Sutton* answered, that his Wife and he were newly come out of the Countrey, and that the Air was not agreeing with her, she was taken sick coming over the *Bridge*, and that if she would open the door, they would stay till *Mr. King* come home; upon which she opened it and let them in, they telling her that they were her Matters Cozens, and seemed much to admire the Furniture of the House, commending it above whatever they saw in the Country; the Woman still feigning herself sick: and so cunning were they, that they would not believe the Wench, though she several times affirmed there was none at home but her self; till asking for a Vault, she told him, it was up stairs at the top of the House, where going up, he staid but a very short time, and then coming down again, went seemingly to kiss the Maid, and thereupon clapt his hands to her Throat, saying, *He came for Money*; at which surprize she crying out, the Woman cry'd, *God dam her cut her Throat*, and thereupon both of them falling upon her, bound her, and then searching for a Knife, at last found one, with which they endeavoured to cut her Throat; but she with struggling got her hands loose, and wrested the Knife out of their hands, upon which they binding her faster, upon promise she would no more cry out, left her, and went to breaking open the Trunks and Chests, and got one Silver Basin, six Silver Plates, two dozen of Spoons, two Tankards, one Sugar-dish; and then breaking open the shop-door, got a hundred and ninety seven pounds in money; but in the time they were plundering, the Maid got loose, though all bloody, shut her self into a Room, and cryed



out Thieves, Murther; upon which several of the Neighbours coming, broke open the door, but ere they came into the House, the now Prisoners were got out of the Cellar-windows upon the Piles, where the Woman was taken, and shortly after the Man, who was got off in a Boat; upon searching of him, there was about fifteen pounds found in his breeches; the rest they onely removed, but had no opportunity of carrying it away. Upon their Tryals they pleaded both guilty to the Felony, and were by the Jury brought in guilty of the same.

The next was one *John Salter*, of the Parish of *St. Martins in the fields*, who was Indicted for being an Aider and Abetter to one *Henry Lee*, now fled, in the Murthering of one *Mr. Dobson*, the manner thus: They being together at Lieutenant *Griffin's* Chamber in the *Mense*, happened to fall out about a wager of a Guiney, which caused *Dobson* to give *Lee* the Lye, upon which he drew his Sword: the Prisoner seeing that, endeavoured to pacifie the quarrel, but before he could any ways hinder them, they had closed with each other, and the party dead had wrested the others Sword out of his hand; whereupon, *Mr. Salter* interposing, desired them to desist, but *Lee* being enraged, snatched *Salter's* Sword from his side, and with the same, over his Shoulder ran *Dobson* into the body, just under the left pap, of which Wound the 16th of the same instant he dyed; but there being not the least suspicion of Malice proved against the Prisoner, the Jury acquitted him.

*Tibia Hog* was Tryed for stealing two pieces of Indian Silk from *Thomas Suttel* Indian-gown-seller in the *New Exchange* in the *Strand*: she coming to his shop, cheapped several parcels of silk, and thereby took the opportunity whilst they were busie, to slip two pieces under her Coats, valued at ten pounds; but being perceived by a youth that stood in an opposite shop, who told *Mr. Suttel* of the same, he went to search her, whereupon she dropped the same. Upon her Tryal she denied that ever she touched, or had any such parcel of Silk; but the Evidence was to plain, that the Jury brought her in guilty of the Felony.

*Edward Duffer* was tried for breaking the Shop of *Thomas Westwood* a Barber in *Holbourn*, and taking thence eight Razers, three pair of Cizars, three Napkins, one pair of Beard-irons, one Perriwig, and several other things. The Felony and Burglary were both proved against him by his former Confession, and by a Witness whom he sold one of the Razers to, though *Newgate* had taught him the impudence to deny his former asseveration; yet upon the testimony that was given against him he was brought in guilty of the Felony and Burglary.

*Mary Bucknal* was tried for Murthering her Male Bastard-childe on the 24th of *August* last; the manner of the Fact according to the Evidence was as ensues. She living in the Parish of *St. Sepulchres*, and lodging with another woman, about two of the Clock in the Morning found her pains come fast upon her, arose, (the other being so fast asleep that she perceived it not, as she swore) and was by her self delivered, but not so secretly but that the other Woman heard some noise; whereupon she asked her what was the matter, to which she replied, that she had bought the day before one pennyworth of *Damsons*, and that by eating them she had surfeited her self, the which had caus'd her to Vomit; upon which answer her Bed-fellow went to sleep: she taking the opportunity thereof, thrust the Child between the Bed and the Mat, where it was afterwards found: Upon Examination she denied that she any way made away with the Childe, but that it was still-born, which availed her not; for upon the reading of the Act of Parliament made to prevent such Cruelties, she having none to justify that it was Still-born, was found guilty of the Murther.

*George Cole*, of *Bishops-gate-street London*, was tried for a Felony and Burglary, for robbing his Lodging, breaking open the Doors and Desks therein, and taking thence three or four pair of Flaxen Sheets, two Callico Pillow-cases, two Table-cloths, several Curtains and Valens, besides Apparel, as Petticoats, Scarfs and Hoods, as likewise Thread and Gimp, all to the value of seven or eight pounds; this

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he effected one Morning before any of the house were stirring, carrying them clear off without the least discovery, leaving one that he pretended was his Wife in bed the mean while. And also several Pick-lock Keys were found that would open all the House-doors, Trunks, Chests, and other fastenings in the house; and was so impudent as not long after to send a Messenger for them, and some other things he had by over-haste forgot; whereupon by the directions of the Messenger he was apprehended, and now upon Trial denied the Fact; but Mrs. Davis who lost the Goods, and several belonging to the house, attesting he only had the Key of the Room and nobody else, the Jurors gave their Verdict against him as to the Felony.

*Elizabeth Cleverland*, of the Parish of St. Edmunds Lombard-street, was arraigned for High-Treason, as Clipper of the current and lawful Coins of this Realm, bringing several clipp'd Half-crowns newly clipped to a Goldsmith, mixed with other large Money, to change for Guineas; upon which she was apprehended, and upon further enquiry found where she Lodged, and in her possession was found a pair of small Sheers, Clippings, and other suchlike things, which she said was her Husband's; and that he being a working Silver-Smith, and that he used them in his employ, and there being no proof of her clipping any pices, she was acquitted.

*William Haine* was brought to the Bar, and tried for robbing one *Herbert* of several pieces to the value of five or six Pounds. The Indictment lay for taking them from his person in St. Bartholomew's-lane; but in Court he could not positively swear it, so that the Prisoner being known to be a notorious Beggar, the Jury thought a whipping might reform him, and so brought him guilty to the value of Ten pence.

*Edward Conway* and *Mary* his Wife were tried for robbing the house of *William Bale* of Islington in the day-time, and putting *Anne Davis*, a little Girl, in corporal fear of her Life. They being Vagrants, came to the House of the aforesaid Bale, and desired him to lodge them in his Out-house or Shed that adjoynted to his Dwelling-house; which he consented to; but they to require him for it, watching the opportunity of his Absence, got into the House through a hole in the Wall, which they alladge was broke before, and then sending the little Girl out for Bread and Cheese, having first filled her from crying, by Threats and Promises, in the mean space they went up stairs, and took away several Hoods, Scarfs, Dressings, and the like, a Coat, Brooches and Doublet, with some Moneys, and many other things; but Being shortly apprehended, they were committed to Newgate; and the proof upon their Tryals being very plain against them, the former was found guilty of the Felony; but the latter being his Wife, could not be found so, and therefore was acquitted.

*Elizabeth Johnson* took her Tryal for stealing a Silver-Tankard from Mr. *Par* in *Cavendish-garden* valued at eight Pounds and upwards, which she sold to a Goldsmiths Wife for Five Pounds or thereabouts. Her taking of it away was thus: She coming into the House, there being none but a Maid-servant at home, to whom she related, that meeting her Mistress and another Woman, she ordered her to come and stay there till she came home, and withal desired the Maid to fetch her a Tankard of Ale; which she refusing, she again requested her to give her some small Beer, the which whilst she was gone to fetch, she opened the Cupboard, and took the Tankard thence, and ere the Maid returned was gone. This being proved against her, she was brought in guilty of the Felony.

*Mary Johnson* was brought to the Bar and Tryed, for Robbing her Master of of Four pound ten shillings, the which she said he gave her to debauch her; but no such thing appearing in Court, she was found guilty of the Felony.

*Mary Coll*, alias *White-Reed*, was Tryed for Robbing of *Henry Worley*, of the Parish of St. Giles in the fields, of a Petticoat, Gown, Pinnors, Dressings, Stockings,



ings, and several other things, the which were taken upon her, and she upon plain Evidence was brought in guilty.

On the Eleventh of this Instant, being *Saturday*, between three and four of the Clock in the Afternoon, was *Elizabeth Cellier* brought upon her Trial, being taken up the day before by a Bench-warrant, granted for that purpose by the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, for publishing a scandalous Libel, entituled, *Malice defeated*; in which was not onely several private men scandalized, but also the whole Government and Laws of the Nation. Several Witnesses came in against her to prove that she was the Author of it, and that she handed the Copy to the Press, paying ten shillings a read for printing of it. The Printer swore that he printed several of the Sheets, in which were contain'd the matter and substance of the Indictment, which was long, importing that she the said *Elizabeth Cellier*, Wife to *Peter Cellier*, of the Parish of *St. Clement's Danes*, had published in her said scandalous Libel, that Racks and Tortures were used to make the Catholicks confess a Plot when there was none; and that *Francis* and one *Cornale* a Coachman were so served in Newgate; farther laying the inhumane Murder of his late Majesty to the charge of the Protestants; and that the King's Evidence were Devils, and not men; with several Reflections upon some Peers of this Realm: to all which she pleaded *Ignoramus*, and that she was not the Author of the Book, though the day before she had confessed and owned that she did it; but as to the proof of that, one *John Peny* swore in Court, that he bought two of them of her at her own house in *Armidel-street* in the Parish aforesaid, giving for the same the sum of four shillings, and that she owned to him that they were her own, that is, that she was Author of the Libel; upon which, after her having made a long Apology for her self, the Court gave the Jury their Charge, who going out and staying about half an hour, brought her in guilty of the Misdemeanour or Trespas, and she was ordered into Custody under the jurisdiction of the Keeper of Newgate, and all the said Libels that could be found in her house, or elsewhere appertaining to her, were ordered to be secured.

She is Fined one Thousand pound to the King, to be kept in Prison till that be paid; she is to stand Three several times in the Pillory, First, by the *May-pole* in the *Strand*, Secondly, in *Convent-garden*, Thirdly, at *Charing-cross*; her Books being to be Burnt in her view; and after to find Sureties for her good Behaviour during Life.

There received Sentence of Death these persons following, viz. *George Coles*, *Edward Willis*, *Tho. Sutton*, *Elizabeth Brown*, *Mary Bucknall*, *Tibby Hogg*, *Edward Conaway*, *Mary Johnson*, *Edward Dubber*, *Isabel Gaudin*, *Eliz. Wilkason*. *Charles Crook* Burnt in the Hand. *Thomas Bater* and *John Wright* ordered to be Transported. *William Haines*, *Elizabeth Johnson*, *Mary Roe*, alias *Cute*, to be Whipped.

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